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COTTON.

Spinners in Favor of Its Culture in the British Colonies.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 16.—The Journal of Commerce says the cotton spinners of England seem thoroughly alarmed at their dependence upon the United States for their cotton supply, this alarm being sharply intensified by the recent relations between the supply and the demand for raw cotton. The opinion is unanimous that the culture of cotton should be encouraged in the British colonies and possessions.

EXTENDING ITS WORKS.

(Special to The Times.)
Montreal, Feb. 16.—A special cable from London to-day says: "The British Columbia Electric Railway Company, which earned an increased dividend of nearly £5,000 last year, is raising capital to substitute a larger power plant for steam power, through which change it is hoped to obtain a still larger increase of revenue, especially from the sale of power. Sperling & Company today offered for subscription £175,000 in 4½ per cent. power debentures of £100 each of the Electric Railway Company's part of the issue of £200,000, on each of which will be endorsed as additional security a 4½ per cent. first mortgage debenture of £100 of the Vancouver Power Co., Ltd., the bulk of whose capital it is proposed to acquire at par."

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 16.—In the fourth round of the international chess tournament played here on Saturday the contest between Tichmann and Maroczy resulted in a draw.

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A COLD WAVE.

Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota Have Coldest Weather of Winter.

(Associated Press.)

West Superior, Wis., Feb. 16.—The mercury to-day recorded 23 degrees below zero, the coldest this winter.

Ten Below.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 16.—Ten degrees below zero was registered here this morning, the coldest of the winter. The cold wave covers the states of Iowa and South Dakota.

DOCK LABORERS' STRIKE.

(Associated Press.)

Bremen, Germany, Feb. 16.—About 1,500 dock laborers, employed by North German Lloyd's Company, struck work to-day owing to the dismissal of a comrade. Thus far, however, the contractors have been able to carry on the loading of the company's steamers.

DEATH OF MRS. ABBOTT.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 16.—Mrs. H. Abbott, wife of a former C. P. R. superintendent, died this morning.

STORY OF RECALL OF AMBASSADOR

CHARGES AGAINST BARON VON HOLLEBEN

He is Alleged to Have Used His Official Capacity to Advertise Wines.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 16.—The World says to-day from evidence brought out at the United States Circuit court, it appears that Emperor William's sudden and mysterious recall of Baron Von Holleben, German ambassador at Washington, closely followed charges that he used his official position to advertise a certain wine. This wine had been urged in vain by the embassy for use in the christening of the Emperor's yacht Meteor by Miss Alice Roosevelt.

Herbert Limburger, member of the law firm of Housley, Lauterbach & Johnson, who figured in the litigation in the Circuit court at Milwaukee, returned to New York yesterday, says the World, and told for the first time that the charges against Ambassador Von Holleben were presented in person by Edward Lauterbach to Secretary Hay, that President Roosevelt had directed an investigation of the charges, inasmuch as he had himself taken a conspicuous part in the launching of the Emperor's yacht and his daughter had broken the bottle of wine at the christening. Mr. Limburger says that Count Von Quadt, secretary of the German embassy, admitted on cross-examination that Ambassador Von Holleben had received a letter from the producer of a certain champagne, offering him 20 cases if he would designate that wine for the christening of the Meteor. Wallace Downey, who built the Meteor, testified that he was repeatedly importuned by Count Von Quadt, secretary of the embassy, and by the secretary of the German consulate, to use the special brand of wine at the christening. He had already bound himself to use another brand, and he refused to break his contract unless assured that the Emperor himself had requested the use of the wine designated by the secretary of the embassy.

When Emperor William recalled Ambassador Von Holleben there was great surprise in diplomatic circles. Many reasons have been heard at Washington for this course on the Emperor's part.

When seen by a reporter at his home, Mr. Limburger gave details of the affair. "It is true," said he, "that charges were filed last summer against Ambassador Von Holleben with the state department at Washington, accusing him of using his official position, into advertising a certain wine, and further accusing him of having sent a wilfully false telegram to the agent at Milwaukee the night after the launching of the Meteor, saying that this wine was used at the christening, when in fact it was not. These charges were presented to Secretary Hay, in person by Edward Lauterbach, of our law firm, representing our client. The reason why they were not made public sooner is that we received express permission of Secretary Hay to make them public only a few days prior to my leaving for the West to try action between the wine agents. We shall make public the accusation in detail in a few days when I receive a transcript of the evidence taken. I have been informed that after the filing of these charges President Roosevelt had an investigation made. Some time after Ambassador Baron Von Holleben was recalled to the German government.

"United States Court Judge Seaman, in Milwaukee, after hearing all the testimony in the Milwaukee Circuit court, instructed the jury that the report which had been made public that this wine of Mormon make had been selected by the Emperor and substituted by trickery and falsehood was a libelous and false statement, and that my client was entitled to damages for the circulation of that report. The jury on Saturday afternoon brought in a verdict for damages, said to be the largest ever awarded for libel in the state of Wisconsin."

ANOTHER HEAT WAVE.

Australasia Again Suffers—Vegetation Being Burned Up.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—J. S. Larke, Canadian agent in Australia, writes the department on January 16th as follows: "A heat wave has struck this continent which is burning up the vegetation in the pastoral districts and undoing much of the pastoral of the recent rains."

PASSENGERS AND CREW.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 16.—The Quebec line steamer Pretoria, which arrived to-day from Bermuda, brought 11 passengers and 40 members of the crew of the wrecked steamer Madiana.

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FERNWOOD DANCE. ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE GIVEN IN THE A. O. U. W. HALL—MUSICAL PRO- GRAMME.

Tomorrow evening in the A. O. U. W. Hall a dance will be given under the auspices of the Fernwood Young Men's Athletic Association. The committee in charge have spared neither time or pains in making the preparations complete. The music will be of the best, and supper all the most delicious epicurean could desire. The committee in charge of the arrangements follows: R. B. King, B. S. Daffin, W. P. Marchant, A. P. McLean, H. M. Wilson, W. Thrall, A. P. Dutton (chairman) and E. A. Gallop (secretary).

MRS CAMPBELL DEAD.

Passed Away on Saturday—She Was
Over Ninety-Seven Years of Age.

Mrs. Campbell, the oldest lady residing in Victoria, died at the Old Ladies Home on Saturday night. She was aged ninety-seven years and five months, and but a short time ago was able to get around remarkably well, considering her age. She has been ailing for some weeks, and the end was not altogether unexpected.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company in general and Motorcar Davidson in particular, were this morning absolved of all blame for the death of Samuel Banner, who was struck down by a car on Fort street three weeks ago last Saturday. The coroner's jury investigated the unfortunate affair this morning, and after hearing a number of witnesses returned a verdict of accidental death. The evidence adduced admitted of no other conclusion, the motorcar having simply followed the usual custom in his operation of the car when Banner stepped on the track. From the evidence it seems that the motorcar, when he saw Banner walk toward the track, was under the impression that he wanted to board the car, and accordingly slowed down. When, however, the man checked himself the car was continued, but when six feet away Banner stepped on the track. The bell was rung vigorously, while the people on the platform shouted warningly, but the unfortunate man paid no attention.

Joseph Martin, M. P. P., watched the proceedings on behalf of the Employees Liability Company. This is a company in which the Tramway Company virtually is the public. That is, if an accident occurs for which the company is responsible, the insurance corporation foots the bill. Geo. Jay was present in the interests of the Banner family. Both counsels questioned the various witnesses.

The jury consisted of Messrs. Fred Norris, foreman, Samuel See, W. Lenfestey, Geo. Munro, James Maynard and Jon. Croft. Besides the motorcar and conductor of the car, Dr. Jones and Messrs. Janion, Borde, Austin and Gowen were examined.

The principal witness was the motorcar, Davidson. He stated that he first observed Mr. Banner as he left the small store on the corner of Cook and Fort street, and walked toward the track. The car was seventy or eighty yards away from him, and was going down the hill toward town. Banner acted as though he intended to board the car. The witness began to slow down as usual, but Banner checked himself when he reached the track, and then when the car was about six feet away he stepped in front of it and was struck. The car was moving at the rate of three or four miles an hour. Banner was struck by the north side of the vestibule. The car went out its own length further.

The witness didn't think he looked at the car, and was positive he didn't signal to stop. The motorcar further explained that the car would have stopped at the usual place had he not released his hold on the brake in order to ascertain if Banner was injured. He rang the bell loudly as the car came down the hill before he saw Banner.

Dr. Jones, who was called to the scene of the accident, deposed that he found Mr. Banner suffering from cerebral concussion and laceration. He was quite unconscious, and remained in that condition until his death. About ten days ago he developed erysipelas. Death, however, was directly due to the injuries he received from the car.

Conductor H. Bellamy's evidence corroborated that of the motorcar as far as his knowledge of the unfortunate occurrence went. The car was moving very slowly—at the rate of three or four miles an hour—and he thought it was going to stop. The bell was rung very loudly as the crossing was neared.

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Washington, Feb. 16.—Preparations were begun to-day at the conference between Mr. Pendleton, of the state department, and Mr. Bowen, for the signing of a protocol providing for the settlement of the claims of the United States against Venezuela. Although not yet in definite shape, the protocol will be brief. It will provide for the appointment of a commission, one member from the United States, one from Venezuela and one by President Castro, to inquire into the American claims. In the event of a disagreement, the King of Spain is to appoint a third member.

In the evening he preached from the text, Jeremiah, 32, 17: "There is Nothing Too Hard for Thee." He pointed out that these words, which were a part of Jeremiah's prayer when in prison where he had been cast because he preached to the Chaldeans and his advice to submit to the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem, not pleasing to the Jews, gave him the right to look upon Jeremiah as one of the heroes of faith.

In spite of his circumstances, and of the knowledge he had of the approaching captivity, his faith was clear and strong.

Such a faith we require for the daily battle of life and for the work of the church. God, who could create the Heavens and the earth, can also create a new heart within, and the hearers were urged to an acceptance of Him as their ruler and guide. Have faith in God for all things.

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CARNEGIE'S OFFER TO MINISTER BOWEN

PREPARED TO MEET DEMANDS OF GERMANY

Full Text of the British Protocol Which Has Been Signed at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Moved by the spirit in which Herbert W. Bowen has conducted the peace negotiations at Washington with the representatives of the allies, and anxious that his mission should succeed, Andrew Carnegie upon hearing of Germany's action in demanding a cash payment of one million dollars, instead of the £5,000, previously promised her, sent the following message to Mr. Bowen, dated February 12th: "I shall be glad to hand you over at once \$300,000 to meet the German demand, if Venezuela desires it." This fact became known on Friday after the last of the addenda to the peace protocol had been signed at the British embassy. Mr. Bowen dispatched a grateful reply to Mr. Carnegie, thanking him for his generous offer, which, however, it was not necessary to accept.

The text of the protocol signed last night by Mr. Bowen and the representatives of the allies was made public to-day. The British protocol is as follows:

"Whereas certain differences have arisen between the United States of Venezuela and Great Britain in connection with the claims of British subjects against the Venezuelan government, the undersigned Mr. Herbert W. Bowen duly authorized thereto by the government of Venezuela, and His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir Michael Herbert, K. C. M. G., C. B., His Britannic Majesty's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the United States of America, have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The Venezuelan government declares that they recognize in principle the justice of the claims which have been preferred by His Majesty's government on behalf of British subjects.

Article 2. The Venezuelan government will satisfy at once by payment in cash or equivalent the claims of British subjects which amount to about five thousand and five hundred pounds, leaving out the seizure and plundering of British vessels, and the outrages on their crews and the maltreatment and false imprisonment of British subjects.

Article 3. The Venezuelan and British governments agree that the other British claims, including claims by British subjects other than those dealt with in article 6 thereof, and including those preferred by the railway companies, shall, unless otherwise satisfied, be referred to a mixed commission, constituted in the manner defined in article 4 of this protocol, and which shall examine the claims and decide upon the amount to be awarded in satisfaction of each claim. The Venezuelan government admits their liability in cases where the claim is for injury to, or wrongful seizure of property, and consequently the questions which the mixed commission will have to decide in such cases will be only: (a) Whether the injury took place and whether the seizure was wrongful, and (b) if so, what amount of compensation is due. In other cases the claims shall be referred to the mixed commission without reservation.

Article 4. The mixed commission shall consist of one Venezuelan and one British member. In each case where they come to an agreement their decision shall be referred to the decision of an umpire nominated by the President of the United States.

Article 5. The Venezuelan government, being unwilling to provide a sum sufficient time of the claims specified in article 3, and similar claims preferred by other governments, undertake to assign to the British government, commencing on the first day of March, 1903, for this purpose, 30 per cent. in monthly payments of the customs revenues of La

Guayra and Puerto Cabello. In the case of failure to carry out this undertaking, Belgian officials shall be placed in charge of the operations of the two ports and shall administer them until the liabilities of the Venezuelan government, in respect of the above-mentioned claims, shall have been discharged. Any question as to the distribution of the customs revenues so as to be assigned and to the rights of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to a separate settlement of their claims shall be determined, in default of arrangements, by the tribunal at The Hague, to which any other power interested may appeal. Pending the decision of The Hague tribunal the said 30 per cent. of the receipts of the customs of the ports of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello are to be paid over to the representatives of the Bank of England in Caracas.

Article 6. The Venezuelan government further undertakes to enter into a fresh arrangement respecting the external debt of Venezuela with a view to the satisfaction of the claims of the bondholders. This arrangement shall include a definition of the sources from which the necessary payments are to be provided.

Article 7. The Venezuelan and British governments agree that inasmuch as it may be contended that the establishments of the blockade of Venezuelan ports by the British naval forces has in fact created a state of war between Venezuela and Great Britain, and that any treaty existing between the two countries has been thereby abrogated, it shall be recorded in an exchange of notes between the undersigned that the convention between Venezuela and Great Britain of October 29th, 1884, which adopted and confirmed mutatis mutandis the treaty of April 18th, 1858, between Great Britain and the state of Colombia, shall be deemed renewed and confirmed or provisionally renewed and confirmed pending conclusion of a new treaty of amity and commerce.

Article 8. Immediately upon the signature of this protocol, arrangements will be made by His Majesty's government in concert with the governments of Germany and Italy, to raise the blockade of the Venezuelan ports. His Majesty's government will be prepared to restore the vessels of the Venezuelan navy which have been seized and further to release any other vessels captured under the Venezuelan flag, on the receipt of a guarantee by the Venezuelan government that they will hold His Majesty's government indemnified in regard to any proceedings which might be taken against them by the owners of

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MAECIDONIANS ARRESTED.

Soft, Bulgaria, Feb. 14.—President Michailovski, of the Central Macedonian committee, Gen. Zoutchoff, the vice-president; President Stantcheff, of the Saroff Macedonian committee, and many others have been arrested.

GUARDING THE KAISER.

Pick of Secret Police Keep a Vigilant Watch.

To secure the Kaiser's safety from accident or enemies is the most important task committed to the German minister of the interior. The Kaiser will not tolerate any visible fuss about these protective measures. They must be complete, effective, certain, but not in evidence. The Kaiser's security is the sole concern and work of a special wing of the Berlin police, numbering about 250 men. All are picked men, of whose fidelity there can be no doubt, men who have been under the closest observation for years in the army; powerful, sharp-sighted, well educated, with prodigious memories for faces and voices. Twenty officers are set over these men, mostly retired military men, sharp and shrewd.

In addition, there are about 200 men whose duty it is to appear in plain clothes among the people when the Kaiser drives out, and keep a sharp ear for hostile utterances. When the court officials hear from the Kaiser that he intends to drive out they telephone till the hour when he will appear, immediately the entire 450 men are in motion. In an incredibly short time they take positions along the Kaiser's route, each man within signaling distance of a comrade, facing the direction from which the Kaiser is expected.

If the weather is fine the Kaiser drives in an open two-horse Victoria. The rate is rapid—much more rapid than any subject date attempt, but there is nothing break-neck about it. On the box sit coachman and body-groomer, or body-guardian, both armed with revolvers. The coachman is an ordinary enough John, but the body-groomer is resplendent in cocked hat and white feathers, and is a man of great bodily activity and strength. In front of the carriage gallops a mounted policeman, his eyes glancing rapidly right and left up streets, down streets,

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Children

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For children with "weak" digestion or whose stomachs are diseased, Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery may be confidently recommended. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, so that the nourishment contained in food is perfectly assimilated and the puny child is built up by food into a condition of robust health.

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such ships or of goods on board them. Article 9. The treaty of amity and commerce on October 29th, 1884, having been confirmed in accordance with the terms of which, even in this protocol, the government of Venezuela will be happy to renew diplomatic relations with His Majesty's government.

Done in duplicate at Washington this 13th day of February, 1903.

(Signed),

HERBERT W. BOWEN,
MICHAEL H. HERBERT.

With few exceptions, the German and Italian's protocols correspond with that of Great Britain.

Castro's Message,

Carcas, Feb. 14.—News of the raising of the blockade was received by President Castro at 8 o'clock this morning in a cablegram from Mr. Bowen, who said: "The protocols have been signed. The blockade will be raised to-morrow. Congratulations."

To this message President Castro replied as follows: "In the name of Venezuela and in my own name, I offer you expressions of my eternal gratitude for the decided spontaneousness with which you have proved the cause of justice, which is the cause of the humanity that distinguishes superior minds."

The precautions are most stringent when he is travelling.

Common soaps destroy the clothes and render the hands liable to eczema.

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shouting directions to clear crossings, to stop trams, carts and droshkies. At every cross street a policeman stands and dotted all along the route are these rigid, stern, watchful men, with keen eyes not regarding the Kaiser as he passes, but the crowds on the sidewalks. The precautions are most stringent when he is travelling.

BREAKS OUT AFRESH.

Gusher on Eldorado Has Again Become Unmanageable—New Telegraphic Stations.

Advice from Dawson state that the gusher or geyser on No. 3 A, Eldorado, which has lately been harassed by the government after it had done thousands of dollars' worth of damage, has broken out afresh. The present break is in a new place. The open cut on Anton Stander's claim, nearby, looks like a small lake, and likely will soon be solid with ice. Because of the intense cold little can be done to stop the escaping water. It is mineralized and comes from a strong underground current, will not freeze. The government has already spent \$30,000 controlling the overflow from the gusher as it made its way down Eldorado and Bonanza and is sinking heavy pipes in hopes of harnessing it before it lets the surface. The pipes are down 200 feet, but the water breaks out with the pipes.

The telegraph stations south of Atlin to Hazelton have lately been specifically designated. Beginning at Atlin the stations, running southward, are designated as follows: Pike river, 25 miles; Nations, 75 miles; Nahlin, 125 miles; Skeena, 175 miles; Telegraph creek, 220 miles; Sheep creek, Iskoot, Twenty-Mile creek, Echo lake, Ninth Cabin, Eighth Cabin, Seventh Cabin, Sixth Cabin, Fifth Cabin (Kispis), Fourth Cabin, Third Cabin, Second Cabin, First Cabin, Hazelton.

Booth, who is a state senator, had another man, Senator Miles, introduce the bill giving the monopoly. Indignation in the entire state is most pronounced. James Blakeley, speculator of Wisconsin, is here to take advantage of the bill if it becomes law. He has already prepared to "locate" many toll charging rights, and go East, with a proposition to sell his interests for \$5,000,000. There is absolutely no profit to the small timber owner who must pay a tax of 75 cents a thousand feet or keep his timber. The exposure was made by a local newspaper to-night.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

Warrant Issued For Arrest of a Count.

London, Feb. 14.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Count Maurice de Rosari, in connection with the forgeries of J. Pierpont Morgan's signature on a number of bills purporting to have been given in payment for purchases of pictures and bric-a-brac.

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GIANT'S RARE METALS.

Analysis of Its Ore Made by Swanson Metallurgists.

"As you are possibly aware, the Giant has operated steadily for the past eight months, shipping the highest grade ore mined in the camp and paying for all costs of operating and developing out of the profits earned on the ore extracted," said Hon. C. H. Mackintosh to the Rossland Miner in referring to the Rossland property with which he is closely identified. "We propose to continue along the same lines and on a somewhat larger scale. Contracts are being let for a considerable amount of drilling.

The indications are that within a comparatively short time we will succeed in cutting the ore body at the lowest point yet reached. This is what we have sought for some months, and it will have an important bearing on the future programme of the Giant company.

"We have had the returns from the samples of ore sent for analysis to Vivian & Sons, the famous metallurgists of Swanson. The report is as follows:

Molybdenum, 24.2 per cent.; nickel, trace; cobalt, 1 per cent.; bismuth, 0.19 per cent.; arsenic, 18 per cent.; sulphur, 23 per cent.; copper, trace; lead, trace; gold, 4.14 oz. per ton; silver, 1.2 oz. per ton; zinc, nil; antimony, nil; silver, 35 per cent.; iron, 12.5 per cent.; oxygen, lime, magnesia, 2.3 per cent." (Office note.—The price current for molybdenum is \$300 per ton and that for cobalt from \$4 to \$6 per lb.)

"An important and interesting feature of the analysis is the relative bearing of the gold contents to the molybdenum.

The samples were picked with a view

to secure a good sample of molybdenum, and it evinced that the ore was high in gold values as well. The point is that where molybdenum exists we cannot expect to find gold values in about the same relative percentage. One that is high in molybdenum is high in gold, and the establishment of this fact is important to us for obvious reasons.

"None of the smelters now established in the Kootenays are equipped to recover the valuable molybdenum and cobalt contents of our ores, and it will be necessary for us to ship the ore to Vivian & Sons at Swanson if we desire to realize on these rare minerals. A plant that will save the rare minerals could be erected locally for about \$220,000, and there is no doubt that rare minerals occur in various mines of the Rossland camp. The enterprise may command itself to capitalists when the presence of rare minerals to an adequate extent is confirmed beyond the shadow of doubt.

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Mrs. Charles Johnson, wife of a prominent merchant of Lexington, committed suicide by swallowing laudanum. She left a pathectic letter explaining that she feared insanity. She was a recent bride. She requested that her body be buried in her wedding gown and left explicit directions concerning the disposition of her property.

Bicycles are now used in the armies of nearly all the civilized nations.

THE RETURNS FOR BURRARD NOW COMPLETE

Figures From Northern Coast Points
Show That R. G. Macpherson's
Plurality Is 237.

C. H. Mount, returning officer for Burrard, arrived at Vancouver on the D. G. S. Quadra on Saturday afternoon, bringing down with him the ballot boxes, from the northern coast points. All the returns are thus now known, and although the official announcement of the poll will not be made till Wednesday, February 25th, the figures available show that Mr. Macpherson's plurality is 237 votes. As will be seen from the following figures, Mr. Macpherson obtained majorities at all the northern coast points. Mr. Price got only getting two votes, and Mr. McInnes a similar number. At Bennett only one vote was cast, which was for Mr. McInnes. The full returns are as follows:

	Macpherson. Polley. McInnes.
Vancouver City	1,762 1,674 334
Port Moody	20 15 8
North Vancouver	34 12 0
Squamish	14 2 0
Porteau Cove	8 6 0
Cowichan	8 8 0
Barnet	9 1 0
Lund	24 0 0
Port Alberni	14 21 0
Howe Sound	8 10 0
Shoal Bay	11 9 0

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 16.—5 a.m.—The barometer remains high from the Pacific to the Lakes, but there is no rain. A small area of depression has appeared in Alberta, where snow is falling at Calgary; with this exception no precipitation has been reported other than the snowfall along the North-West. The weather is fairly in all sections, moderately cold, with heavy and killing frosts on the coast and east of the mountains, and temperatures ranging from 22° below at Medicine Hat to 42° degrees below at Battleford.

Forecasts.

For 30 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate winds from north and east, chiefly cloudy and cold, with rain or sleet to-night or Tuesday.

Lower Mainland—Light, or moderate winds, chiefly easterly, increasing clouds, and cold, with sleet or rain to-night or Tuesday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 22°; minimum, 30°; wind, 8 miles N.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 24°; minimum, 24°; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 16°; minimum, 14°; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Quesnel—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 14°; minimum, 8°; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Port Frances—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 42°; minimum, 40°; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—Saturday—A. M. Jeffrey, wife, Wm. Scott and wife, Wm. Taylor, W. Earle, Mr. Earle, J. Christie, Jas. Wartell, Jas. D. Patterson, Capt. S. L. McKenzie, W. L. Smith, Jas. Green and wife, R. W. Clark, A. J. Bennett, Frank Jasper and wife, R. W. Patterson, and wife, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Patterson.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—Saturday—F. R. Stewart, G. E. Munro, S. Lester & Co., B. C. Electric Railway, V. Phoenix & Co., Co. B. C. & I. Co., Clayton & Co., E. P. Johnson.

HON. ROBT. REID.

The Hon. Robert Reid, who has just been elected to the first vacant seat in the Australian Senate since the creation of the Commonwealth—a vacancy brought about by the death of Sir Frederick Sarzord while touring in New Zealand—is almost as well known in the London commercial world as in that of Melbourne. He is the head of one of the biggest "soft goods" firms in Australia, and during recent years has paid frequent visits to its London house. He is a pronounced free-trader, and his election as Senator for Victoria, the state that has hitherto been the stronghold of protection, is somewhat significant, especially when considered in connection with the fact that his opponent, Sir Alexander Pencock, is an equally pronounced protectionist.—London Chronicle.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap. Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

A few days before leaving Dawson

Mr. Falconer witnessed the hanging of Fournier and Labelle.

On the Amur there were 200 tons of ore from the Grafton mine, White Horse, for treatment at Crofton. Mr. Lowe, who was elected a member of the Yukon council a short time ago, told Mr. Falconer in conversation before leaving the north that the present difficulty in shipping was the shortage of sacks. Next summer, however, part of the trouble now experienced would be obviated. The company intended to build a tramway from the mine to White Horse, a distance of eight miles, thus doing away with the teaming now done, which is a slower and more expensive mode of doing work than the plan proposed.

As for the mining properties about Dawson, not so much work is being done now as last year, but next summer would see more accomplished than in any previous year. Labor would also then be in great demand.

MCGILL GRADUATES.

Meeting of British Columbia Society—Miss Watson, of Victoria, One of Vice-Presidents.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Society of McGill graduates was held in Vancouver on Saturday afternoon. The British Columbia Society has a membership of over 100 McGill graduates, who are scattered all over the province. Of this membership some 20 were present.

On the meeting being called to order, Dr. D. H. Harrison, one of the oldest graduates (1864) present, was voted to the chair. In assuming the seat, Dr. Harrison remarked that although probably the oldest McGill graduate in British Columbia, he felt to-day as much pride in his Alma Mater and its glorious old halls as the youngest of those present. McGill University was a credit to the citizens of Montreal, as the many brilliant men who had graduated from it were to the college. The high position McGill now occupies among the universities of the world was referred to, and also its value to the Dominion of Canada.

Dr. McGuigan then read a number of letters of regret for their inability to attend the meeting from members, among them being Dr. Holden, Miss Watson, M. A., Miss Winnifred McGill, B. A., W. F. Robertson, B. A., and Dr. E. B. C. Hanington, Victoria.

The secretary also read a statement of the membership and finances of the society. The latter showed that the society was in a stronger position than last year, while the membership roll showed that its numerical strength exceeded 100, and included the following graduates: M. A.'s, 22; B. A.'s, 20; M. D.'s, 61; B. A. Sc.'s, 18; B. C. L.'s, 3; D. V. S.'s, 2; Repeaters, 6.

In his financial report, Dr. McGuigan stated that it had been the custom of the society to offer a annual scholarship of \$50 for the matriculation from British Columbia. In 1901 a Vancouver student had secured this, and last year it had gone to Victoria.

Dr. Tunstall intimated that the object of this prize was to assist those who intended going through with their university course. When it was first offered it was divided up in five prizes of \$10 each for the best British Columbia graduates in the several faculties at Montreal; it was then given as a prize to the best British Columbia matriculants of McGill, and then to the best matriculant from Vancouver college. It was in this way that the scholarship had been started. The society having more funds in hand this year, Mr. Gordon moved that the \$50 scholarship be continued, and that a second prize of \$25 be offered for the best student in the second year Arts course in the Vancouver or Victoria college. This motion was finally adopted, but not without considerable debate, as the society was anxious that its prizes should be awarded in such a manner as to offer the most encouragement to students and to those intending to take the McGill course.

The election of officers for 1903-04 was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

President—Dr. D. H. Harrison, Vancouver.

Vice-Presidents—G. H. Manchester, M.D., New Westminster; J. M. McGregor, B. A., B. A. Sc., Slocan; A. R. Raymond, M. D., Seattle, Wash.; Miss H. Watson, M. A., Victoria; W. Hunter, B. A., B. C. L., Nanaimo; F. S. Gordon, B. A., Vancouver.

The number of vice-presidents was increased from four to six, it being the desire of the association to appoint a vice-president in each of the chief centres of the province.

Treasurer—Dr. S. J. Tunstall, B. A. Secretary—Dr. W. J. McGuigan.

Executive Committee—Dr. Burnett, Vancouver; R. W. Suter, B. A. Sc., Vancouver; J. B. Hart, D. V. S., Vancouver; Dr. Boggs, New Westminster; A. D. Holden, B. A., B. C. L., Vancouver; Dr. Holden, Victoria.

It was then moved by Mr. A. E. Hill, B. A., of New Westminster, seconded by Dr. Boggs, and carried, that the next annual meeting be held in Vancouver.

In the evening the society held a banquet in the Vancouver club, Dr. Harrison, the newly-elected president, presiding.

AN ANCIENT FORM.

The quaint phrase "not having the fear of God in his heart, and being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil" is an instance of how, in older time, people were willing to confess their faith. It is a survival of an ancient usage, and was used for centuries in murder indictments down to the nineteenth century. The formula was employed in the charge of murder preferred against Abraham Thornton in 1817—the trial memorable for the last judicial challenge in a wager of battle in England. If was usual in inquisitions of fact to allege that the party was "seduced by the instigation of the Devil," the law, with due perception of Satanic influence, saddling the Devil with the defendant's responsibility. Now the formula seems to be reserved for persons charged with treason, for it was used in the indictment against Louis Riel at Regina in 1885, who despite an appeal on the ground of insanity, was executed for "treason against our Lady the Queen Victoria."—London Exchange.

DENIES A RUMOR.

Member for North Victoria Wishes It Understood That He Is Opposed to the Government.

T. W. Paterson, M.P.P., does not apparently wish to be understood as a supporter of the present government. Upon learning that his name was being used in the West Yale election campaign as a supporter of the government, he sent the following message to give this a flat denial:

Charles Semlin, Ashcroft: Contradict report that I am supporting government. Which is not so. (Signed) T. W. PATERSON.

Mr. Semlin has among his supporters in the right Richard McBride, M.P.P., John Oliver, M.P.P., and Capt. Tatlow, M.P.P.

TWO CONCERTS.

Entertainments To-Night. By Victoria Mandolin Club and the Young People's Guild.

In the A. O. U. W. hall to-night a concert will be given under the auspices of the Victoria Mandolin Club. The entertainment is under the patronage of Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul. The following programme will be rendered:

PART I.

Selection—Mazurka De Concert Jacobs V. M. Club.

Vocal Solo—Song J. G. Brown.

Tri-O Sanctissima Schulz Messrs. Talbot, Foote and J. Longfield.

Vocal Solo—Whisper and I Shall Hear Piccolini Mr. Manson.

Cello Solo—Cavatina Raft V. M. Club.

Selection—Xylo—Mazurka Weitz V. M. Club.

PART II.

Selection—Concert Waltz Weitz V. M. Club.

Vocal Duet—Forces Birds Briggs Messrs. Deeville and Known.

Sextette—Serenade Schubert Mandoins, Messrs. Talbot, Wm. Longfield, Berg and Longfield; Guitar, Mr. Deo and Known.

Recitation—The Obstructive Hat in the Pit Miss Cooper (sister of Miss Undrill).

Selection—March—Bella Sassing V. M. Club.

Vocal Solo—The Blacksmith Slater Mr. Mullins.

Selection—Polka Unique Saunders V. M. Club.

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FULTON ENDORSES IT.

Member for North Yale Speaks in Favor of Mining Association.

At the meeting held in Kamloops last week to organize a branch of the Provincial Mining Association, at which Mayor Michael, President, F. J. Fulton, M. P. P., and Mr. J. C. Patterson, Vice-President, The Island Sentinel, reported him as follows:

"F. J. Fulton, M. P. P., thought that the objects of the association were good and the interests of the miners important and large. The movement at present was only a tentative one, and in sending delegates to the convention they were not committing themselves to any particular course, but it was advisable to elect delegates; he felt sure that if the matter were taken hold of by the right people much good would result. The miners were the backbone of the industry, and the objects of the movement were the welfare of the miners and the welfare of the industry."

"I thought that the present unsatisfactory condition of the mining industry was not due in part to the lack of legislation and that the best way to improve the industry was to devote more time to improving it. Mr. Fulton took direct issue with Mr. Parsons when he stated that the 2 per cent. tax was responsible for the present unsatisfactory state of mining in this province. Mr. Fulton said there were two things which had affected the industry, and they were the 2 per cent. tax and the eight hours bill, which affected the miners in the same way as the miners in the rest of the country. He felt that the miners were the backbone of the industry, and the miners were the backbone of the industry."

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City News in Brief.

Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, L. O. F. will meet to-morrow (Tuesday) night. There will be work in the Royal Purple degree, and one patriarch will be advanced to the Golden Rule degree.

A meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association will be held in Sir Wm. Wallace hall, Broad street, this evening at 8 o'clock. As business of importance will come up for discussion grocers are requested to attend.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Duncan died at the residence of her son, Wm. Duncan, No. 107 Cormorant street. Deceased was 74 years of age, and a native of New York state. She leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn her loss. The funeral is taking place this afternoon.

The suggestion may be made at the next meeting of the general committee having in hand the question of a railway to the north end of the Island, that a convention be called which will be representative of all places on the Island. At such a gathering the whole subject may be gone into by those present.

To-morrow evening missionary services will be held at the James Bay Methodist church. The government missionaries will be present and deliver short addresses. Chinese and Indian soloists will give several selections in their respective tongues. Services were conducted yesterday evening by a pioneer missionary of Manitoba and the Northwest.

The funeral of the late Hans Ogilvie Lutz, took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Dunsmuir road, Victoria West, and St. Saviour's church, when the Right Rev. Bishop Perin and Rev. W. D. Barber conducted appropriate services. There was a large attendance, and the most beautiful floral display imaginable. The Rev. Mr. Barber also officiated at the Naval cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. R. Saunders, J. Palmer, G. F. Wake, S. Shore, J. Tolmie and H. S. Henderson.

The Seattle Times says: "The local customs officials are making an effort to find the headquarters of a gang of Indian smugglers who are almost daily landing Chinamen from Victoria in Seattle and points about the Sound. It is stated that the Indians take the Celestials aboard their small boats and dress them in the garb of the squaw. In that way they pass many of the officials unnoticed. The revenue cutter Grant and the launches Guard and Scout are daily making trips about the harbor and in the vicinity of Salmon Bay in an effort to run down the smugglers."

A deputation from the Fernwood Athletic Association will wait on the Mayor and aldermen at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the committee rooms of the city hall for the purpose of discussing the project of establishing a park and recreation grounds in the North Ward. The club is backed by most of the citizens of the ward in this move and have a number of suggestions to offer the council. It is the intention to recommend the taking over of grounds at the foot of Cook street, forming part of the Finlayson estate, which are now being offered for sale. Several lots are held in trust by the city for the Beacon Hill park, and it is probable that the deputation will suggest the sale of these lots for raising a fund sufficiently large to purchase the portion of the Finlayson estate in contemplation.

At the meeting of the Socialist party held in Labor hall last evening a paper on "Revolutionary Socialism" was read by Geo. Oliver, declaring that the Socialist programme was not a dividing up nor a patching up of the present wage system, but a complete revolution or change of system by the working class as a class, conquering the public powers through the peaceful weapon the ballot rather than the destructive method of the bullet. The Socialists aim to build up not to tear down. R. P. Pettipiece, editor of the Western Socialist, of Vancouver, organ of the British Columbia Socialist party, being present, delivered a short address on conditions generally in the Socialist movement. He referred to the forthcoming German elections next year, when the Socialists would roll the biggest vote yet polled in the history of Socialism. A duet followed by little Misses Mary and Lexy Bleke. The regular educational meeting will be held on Wednesday evening.

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The steamer *Majestic* will sail from the outer wharf to-night.

Hardy Bay lots in the townsite, now selling at \$50, will be advanced to \$75 on the 15th instant. A. Williams & Co., Ltd., 104 Yates street.

The regular monthly meeting of the Willard W. C. T. U. will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Business of importance will be brought up.

A literary and dramatic entertainment will be given by the Y. P. Guild of St. Andrew's church, in the lecture room, Monday evening, February 16th, at 8 o'clock. Admittance 25 cents.

The revival services which have been in progress in the Centennial church during the past week will continue through next week. The services are being conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman, and have been very successful.

Those going to the Mandolin Club concert in A. O. U. Hall to-night had better go early, as tickets have all been sold, and it is expected that there will hardly be any sitting room. In addition to the programme Mr. Fred. W. Tracy, the noted baritone, will sing. Tickets 25 cents.

A local steamshipmen's union was formed on Saturday. A meeting was called for the purpose in the Longshoremen's hall on Saturday evening when C. H. Thompson, of Vancouver, president of the society in British Columbia, was present and addressed the meeting. There were about sixty present, and the organization being effected, officers were elected and installed and committees appointed to complete the work of organization. It is intended to form branch societies all over the province and in the Yukon territory.

The basketball game to be played on Saturday between the Sixth D. O. C.'s of Vancouver, and the Fifth Regiment here, promises to be close and exciting. The Sixth Regiment boys on last Saturday defeated the famous Seattle team, and are a very fast combination of players. The locals have been strengthened by the addition of several well known players of the city, who are members of the Regiment, and intend to give the Vancouverites as much as they can handle on that evening. There will be practice on Thursday evening. The outcome of this match will be watched with interest for if Vancouver wins they capture the championship of the Inter-Regimental League.

When A. W. von Rhein, of Esquimalt, was in Rossland recently in connection with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, he approached several local liquor men with a view to interesting them in a proposed Provincial Liquor Association," says the Rossland Miner.

"Branches had been formed in the Boundary and at coast points, but the idea was not received with any measure of enthusiasm in Rossland. The leading liquor men are of opinion that until the license question in Rossland is adjusted to give the trade more stability than it now possesses no effective organization of the business can be formed.

Therefore no steps have been taken to organize the branch associations as recommended by Mr. von Rhein."

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VERNON.

On Tuesday afternoon a quiet marriage ceremony was performed at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Swift, in White Valley, where Mr. C. Swift and Miss Mary Baron were united in the bonds of matrimony, the Rev. H. W. Craw officiating.

The marriage took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 4th inst., of Mr. David W. Wilson and Mrs. L. Gooding, two popular residents of this city. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mr. L. Christensen, the bride's father, at Benvenuto, Rev. P. D. Muir being the officiating minister.

KAMLOOPS.

At the annual meeting of the board of trade the secretary presented a financial statement for the past year which showed receipts \$396.20, and expenditure \$301.65, leaving a balance of \$94.55 in hand. The statement was adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, J. T. Robinson, re-elected; vice-president, Dr. Wade; council, H. G. Ashby, W. H. Edmunds, F. J. Fulton, M. P. Gordon, E. Goulet, C. W. Hallamore, J. M. Harper, J. R. Michell, J. Milton, T. Roadley, A. H. Skey and F. E. Young. The salary of the secretary was increased to \$100 per annum.

REVELSTOKE.

The Chinaman who nearly killed a fellow countryman at Claviliano three weeks ago was committed for trial on Tuesday and taken down to Kamloops jail the same evening to await trial.

Hector Porter, who met with an accident at the Northwestern Development Syndicate's stamp mill at Goldfields, was brought to the hospital some days ago by Dr. Lazier. Mr. Porter had his left wrist sprained and his leg hurt, besides a number of bruises to his head and body. The injured man is doing well in the hospital.

E. R. Schonmacher and J. A. Leonard, of Lewiston, N. Y., arrived in the city last Sunday in connection with another lumbering enterprise. Mr. Schonmacher is interested in the timber limit at Griffin Lake, formerly owned by P. Ryan, and visited this district with a view to arranging for the erection of a sawmill there.

GREENWOOD.

The Greenwood Progressive Association held a general meeting last week, when organization matters were first dealt with, after which the question of amalgamation with the Greenwood Board of Trade or not was very lengthily discussed. The preponderance of opinion seemed to favor the proposed amalgamation.

The main difficulty in the way of amalgamation seemed to be the board of trade's initiation fee of \$10, but a substantial reduction or its entire abolition is probable if an accession of strength in the shape of the 30 or 40 members of the association be thereby secured by the board. A committee was appointed to discuss matters with a committee of the board, and the meeting ended with an understanding that if the amalgamation will result in the objects of the association being carried out the two organizations will likely join hands and work together for the benefit of the town in particular and the district generally.

YMIK.

Several small snowshoes have come down on the Wild Horse wagon road, necessitating the employment of a crowd of shovellers to keep the way clear for the hauling of concentrates from the mine.

At the annual general meeting of the Ymir Waterworks Co., Ltd., the report and balance for the year 1902 was presented. The year in question has proved a very profitable one. A ten per cent. dividend was declared for the year besides the addition of a substantial sum to the reserve fund. This makes the third dividend declared by the company.

A second gold brick weighing one hundred and fifty ounces, has been sent off by the Broken Hill Mining & Development Co., and with the first brick weighing eighty-four ounces previously sent, represents the result of the first run of the Wilcox mill for a period of a little over one month. The value of the bullion produced is in the neighborhood of \$3,500, whilst the concentrates made will probably bring the total returns for the run to over \$5,000. One carload of concentrates weighing about 20 tons has been shipped only, however, the heavy snowfall having prevented further hauling. The breakage which caused the mill to remain idle for the past few days has now been repaired and everything is again in running order.

VANCOUVER.

Healy and Johnson, the two men sent up for trial by the police magistrate on the charge of arson, came up before His Honor Judge Henderson on Saturday and elected for speedy trial. The case was set down for hearing for 11 o'clock on Thursday next.

The fire department had two calls made upon it on Saturday, the first was to a Chinese house on Dupont street, and the second proved to be a false alarm turned in from box 5. The Dupont street blaze did not amount to much, one room inside the Chinese shack only being damaged, and the chemical engine from No. 1 hall extinguished it without difficulty. Two men from the No. 1 hall, however, received a nasty shaking-up en route to the fire. They were on the hose wagon, and in crossing the

street car track the vehicle struck the rails with such force that both men were thrown off and Driver Clegg received a nasty cut on the head, besides suffering from the severity of his fall. Fireman Jordan escaped with a few bruises.

The wedding was solemnized on Saturday evening, by Rev. H. L. Roy, incumbent of Christ church, of Mr. Emile A. von Hasslocher, son of the late Colonel von Hasslocher, of the French army—and at one time minister-plenipotentiary from the Court of King Alexander of Hawaii to the courts of St. James and Bavaria—and Anna Elizabeth, daughter of the late William R. Carlyon, of Cawdor, England. The ceremony took place in the presence of the bride's sister, Mrs. G. C. Haines, Rankin, and at the conclusion of the service a wedding supper was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. von Hasslocher left for a tour of the Sound cities, en route to Ketchikan, Alaska, where Mr. von Hasslocher has extensive interests.

Tenders will be called for the new jail in a week or so, as soon as the revision of the plans is completed. The site of the building will be on East Cordova street, between Westminster and Gore avenues. This was decided upon at a meeting of the council.

Matti Kurikka, of the Finnish colony, is in the city. He expresses the gratitude of the colony for the sympathy shown, and will use the funds collected for the nucleus of a fund to build a hospital on Malcolm Island.

John McElfresh, chief of police of Steveston, has resigned. He said to the council that it was because of complaints made. He declined to make any further explanation, and also declined to comply with the council's request that he reconsider the matter.

The death occurred some time on Friday of John Rainey, a well-known old-timer, who has lived for some years past on a ranch on the North Arm of the Inlet, about twelve miles from the city. The deceased was 75 years of age. His body was found, reposing in the attitude of sleep, by some Japs who visited his cabin on Friday afternoon, the end having come apparently during slumber. Mr. Rainey was apparently alive and well on Thursday. Mr. Rainey leaves two sons.

ROSSLAND.

A most remarkable escape from death occurred the other afternoon, when James Wooley accidentally fell from the roof of a two-story house and escaped practically uninjured. Wooley was cleaning the snow from the roof. While leaning over with a hatchet to cut the ice from the eaves he suddenly slipped and fell. He alighted on the back of the hatchet in the midst of a snowdrift. The only injury he received was a sprained hand and a cut in the side.

The most successful winter carnival of the six given in the city, concluded on Saturday. Nelson won the hockey championship in a bitterly contested game with the Victorias of Rossland. Each team scored one in the first half, but Nelson scored twice after half time, winning the game and trophy by three goals to one. Thousands of dollars were wagered on the match. The three-mile championship snowshoe race was won by C. C. Walker, with Jack Ross second. The prospectors' snowshoe race was won by Robt. Lamont, with Joseph Klomar second. The ski running championship of Canada was won by Joseph Lawler, with J. H. Watson second.

Walter Cooper, a young lad employed at the Miner office, broke his thigh on Saturday morning in an upset at the foot of the slide.

PRINCETON.

Messrs. Knight and Green, lately employed at the Portland mine in Aspen Grove camp, and afterwards engaged in the search for John McEachren, the missing Otter Valley rancher, returned to town on February 4th, after finding the dead body of McEachren on Pike's Mountain. It appears that McEachren, who was about 65 years old, started out on snowshoes to look for his horses, and after travelling ten or fifteen miles was so exhausted that he made himself a bed of boughs and laid down without lighting a fire. As the night was cold, the supposition is that the old man dropped asleep and never woke up. The deceased had been missing for a week, and it was believed he had gone to some other ranches, and would shortly return.

COLUMBIA VICTORIOUS.

Columbus on Saturday defeated the Royal Artillery eleven at the Caledonia grounds. The defeat of the soldiers was a surprise to the civilians, but to the soldiers themselves it was a victory. Most of those who are interested in the league were also pleased at Columbus' victory, for it was the league on a very even basis that the two teams met. The game was a close one, and the two teams were evenly matched, so that it would be difficult to say which team would be the better, but that for until they went to Wales they had won the majority of their matches, but Wales was a bitter pill for them, and in some ways they were not sorry to leave the principality.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

Reaching the door he first looked carefully underneath in order to make sure that there was no light within. He had no desire to open it, and then find himself standing face to face with d'Alvare. There was no light, however, so he proceeded with his work as much as possible.

The key turned easily in the lock, and, having turned the handle, he opened the door and stepped into the room. So far all had gone well, but as yet he was but at the commencement of his enterprise. What if the other key he had brought with him did not fit the lock in the desk? What then? A very few moments would settle it once and for all.

Having closed the door softly behind him and lighted a candle, he looked about him. The desk which he remembered so well stood at the further end of the room and was a solid mahogany affair, worthy of the room of which it formed part of the furniture. In the centre of the apartment was a table now littered with papers and books. He glanced casually at them and noticed that they were almost exclusively foreign. Indeed, there was only one English paper he could see amongst them. A small bronze tray, almost filled with cigar ash, and a curiously-shaped paper-knife added to the litter of the table. Without further waste of time, he crossed to the desk and sat down before it. Taking from his waistcoat pocket the duplicate key that belonged to the desk, and which he had forgotten to hand over when d'Alvare had taken the place, he inserted it into the lock of one of the drawers. Much to his satisfaction, the lock had not been changed. A turn of the wrist, and the drawer was opened. It contained a number of neatly tied up packages, labelled in French. He examined them carefully; some were bills, and these he placed in the drawer, fearing that they had no interest for him, others consisted of cuttings from newspapers, with the date written in red ink upon the top; these he placed on one side to be looked at later; others were letters, evidently written by a female and in Italian. As he had no knowledge of that language, however, these were useless to him. There were others in Spanish which were equally unintelligible. A German packet he thought he might be able to manage, though he was by no means sure. Next he came upon an account-book which was filled with mysterious figures, which told him nothing. This he placed among those papers he could not understand, and once more proceeded with his investigations. When he had exhausted this drawer, he turned his attention to another. In that he discovered what he knew to be his most precious find. One glance at it showed him that it was nothing more or less than a diary, and, presumably, since he found it where he did, it belonged to d'Alvare.

He opened it with eager interest and scanned the pages. Inez had told him the date on which they had left Rome, and he hastened to turn up the entry for that day. Yes, here it was.

"Bade farewell to Rome. I. M. accompanied me, also P. G." The I. M. referred to could only be Inez Montvalta, while the P. G. could only be Pedro Garcia. The next entry was Milan.

"All well so far. Had interview with X. M. M. reported to have crossed border safely. Left for Paris."

The next day showed a brief entry to the effect that they had only remained three days in the French capital, that the terms had been settled for the English house, and I. M. was proving obstinate.

Under the last was this significant observation:

"I have given her plainly to understand what her position is, and what the result will be if she attempts to play us false."

Later there was the description of their arrival at the Castle, and on the same day a paragraph that Jack read more than once, but found some difficulty in understanding. It was as follows:

"Received great shock, but have placed matters on an eminently satisfactory footing. No evil will result—but prompt action was necessary."

Did this refer to Jim Ormby? If it did, what was the prompt action that was so necessary? Jack felt that he would have given something to have been able to read the riddle. Three days later he found a statement which he regarded with peculiar interest.

"J. T. gone to Liverpool. Have instructed P. G."

Though he searched diligently for it, he could not find any mention of the anonymous letter. If d'Alvare had written it he had made no mention of it in his diary. He turned back a few pages to see what had happened prior to their leaving Rome, and on one day found that M. M., the luckless Manuel, had received his notice, and was to be ready to start in two days' time. There was another statement to the effect that it was only fair that M. should have been chosen, seeing that he was a son of the soil.

"Then he's in Spain, that's evident," said Jack to himself. "That, at least, is one point gained. Now, if I can only find out in what town he is, I shall feel that I am getting nearer the heart of the matter."

But how he was to do that was some what more difficult to decide. He searched the book in vain for any reference that might give him the hint he wanted. There were initials in plenty, and one or twice those of the young man; none of them, however, had any connection with Spain. Then he remembered what one of the men had said in the temple that afternoon, concerning the week that

must elapse before a certain work could be carried out. He immediately turned the pages until he reached that of the date in question. In the top left-hand corner a cross had been drawn in red ink, and underneath the initials M. M. in brackets. While he was glad to have his suspicions confirmed, this told him little. He wanted the name of the town, for until he knew that he knew he was powerless to act.

When he had convinced himself that nothing more was to be learnt from the diary, he turned his attention to the letters, beginning with those in German. These he found difficult to read, and apparently of no great significance when he had done so. Those in French, he could manage better, and it was in one of these that he made his next important discovery. The writer, who was plainly a person of some culture, inquired after the health of the young Spaniard, who had such a beautiful sister, and went on to ask when a certain event was to take place. "If my opinion were asked," he went on, "not until in the month, and only at Madrid, where the effect would be better and the opportunity more certain." The remainder of the letter had no bearing upon the case. He picked up the next and read that. It did not, however, reward him, nor were any of the others kinder to him.

Taking up a sheet of paper, he made notes upon it concerning his various discoveries and placed it in his pocket. All things considered, he had been fairly successful. It is true he did not know the young man's actual address, but he knew that he was in Madrid, and he had a week before him in which to find the rest. He thereupon took another sheet of paper and penned a short note to Inez, telling her of his discoveries, and asking her to furnish him with the portrait she had promised him, and also a strong appeal to the youth to give up the business upon which he was engaged as she knew how to write. In order that she might have an opportunity of doing so without incurring suspicion, he would send a youth who might be trusted up to the Castle punctually at eleven o'clock, when she must make it her business to discover a means of intercepting him and of handing him the portrait. For the present, he did not think it would be prudent for them to attempt to meet, but he would write to her and find a means of placing his letters inside the panel at the temple.

This important business being finished, he placed the letter in his pocket and rose to depart. His glance at the clock upon the chimney-piece showed him that it was exactly eleven o'clock, when she must make it her business to discover a means of intercepting him and of handing him the portrait.

Having made sure that he had left nothing behind him to reveal the fact that he had been there, he quietly opened the door, closed it when he was outside, and locked it behind him. Now, with a little bit of luck, he ought to be able to get out of the house unobserved. Once more he tiptoed down the hall, and, having opened the creaking swinging door, descended to the basement. He reached the empty room in safety, and once more clambered through the vines back. The collar, cuffs and girdle are of blue taffeta, decorated with narrow blue and white braid.

put to work with the midshipmen. It

would not appear that in the

seventeenth century midshipmen came either from the seaman class or were gentlemen born and taken to sea under the patronage of officers in command of ships.

There were also "volunteers," mostly older men, who, as is recorded in the

"Life of Captain Stephen Martin," entered "to walk the quarter-deck, whereby they might be in the way of preferment."

Gradually, with the improvement of

the service, the gentleman took a larger

place, leaving his work as a youth un-

der the supervision of the mates and

quartermasters, many of whom had been

midshipmen themselves. It was Charles II, who introduced a considerable change

in relation to entry. He desired to en-

courage families of better quality "to

breed up their younger sons to the art

and practice of navigation, in order to

fit them for further employment in our service." Already volunteers had

been admitted at the royal charge by

what was known as the "King's Letter,"

and these received pay at the rate of

£24 per annum. The principal condition

to become a Lieutenant, as regulated in

1676, was three years' sea service, after-

wards increased to six, including one as

a midshipman.

In this way was laid down the sys-

tem of entry which has prevailed up to

the present time, and there was no es-

sential change when the examination

was transferred to the navy board in

1728, at which period the Naval Acad-

emy at Portsmouth was instituted. The

system of entering boys as servants with

various ratings in the ship's books re-

mained in force until 1794, and doubt-

less gave a certain elasticity. There

were abuses, of course. The late Sir

Thomas Bryam Martin, who was enter-

ed on the books of certain ships when

he was yet an infant, began his actual ser-

vice when he was thirteen, in 1785, enter-

ing the Royal Naval Academy at

Portsmouth, and going afloat in the next

year as "captain's servant" in the Pe-

gasus, with Prince William Henry. The

Royal Prince had entered as a midship-

man on board the Prince George at the

age of thirteen, and the fact shows the

best qualities of a naval officer:

The youth has received under the old

system splendid experience, which has

given him not only command over him-

self, but the power of commanding men,

at an age when no other youngster in the

world has ever done the like; and there

are those who believe that a more scien-

tific training can never make the naval

officer what he is to-day. Shall we ever

again see with our eyes the midshipman

of romance, the boy who has stood in our

literature for so much of breezy confi-

dence, buoyant gaiety, unconquerable spirit

and healthy recklessness, a "ship boy on

the high and giddy mast," that we have

seen those who afterwards walk the

quarter-deck. In a letter

written in February, 1643, the writer de-

clares that he will not undervalue him-

self by allowing his son to accept a mid-

shipman's place. The original midship-

man did not belong to the "quality." He

was a seaman like the rest, but in those

times, in which it was the practice of

captains to take with them to sea a fol-

lowing of youths intended for the ser-

vice, and entered fictitiously as "cab-

ins" and "captain's servants." Nelson

himself was one of the latter—there came

in another class who really were mostly

sons of gentlemen, and who were

certain midshipmen in 1635, but, when he

had been ordered to be dismissed, the

service Sir Chas. Adam explained that

"the boy had only absented himself for

twenty-four hours to get a farewell kiss

from his cousin, a very pretty girl!"

Out of such materials were created

youths like Midshipman Easy and Peter

Simple.

If the midshipmen of later date have

not yet found a chronicler of their ex-

plains to rank with Marryat, that has

not been their fault. That they possess

the same resourceful spirit, and the same

dauntless courage has been amply demon-

strated over and over again, and quite

recently by Huddart, Guy, and their

measures in South Africa and in China.

Not, therefore, without a great deal

of regret could we witness the passing of

the midshipman. It is a grade of the

service through which for more than two

centuries all our officers have passed, in

which they have gained much of the ex-

perience that has served them so well

in after years, and wherein have been

found their most pleasant memories.

Perhaps no part of the officer's career is

quite so happy as that which he spends

as a midshipman when he is gleeful in

his youthful enthusiasm, lives amidst

companions who share his aspirations,

and serves under influences which engage

in activities which all consider to be

of great value to the naval service.

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